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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE  
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF

Subject: Exploitation of the Foreign Press

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 22 August 1947 on the above subject, which is both timely and helpful.

2. As a result of a meeting held here on 25 August 1947 to consider this subject, limited to newspapers only, a new study is being prepared in which the views expressed by the Intelligence Advisory Board agency representatives, and your memorandum referred to above, will be incorporated.

3. In July 1946, under the provisions of NIA Directive No. 6, an Interdepartmental Committee on the Acquisition of Foreign Publications was appointed with Doctor Luther B. Evans, the Librarian of Congress, as chairman.

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Acting Director, Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

SUBJECT: Exploitation of the Foreign Press

1. Reference is made to Central Intelligence Group memorandum, Subject: "Exploitation of the Foreign Press," dated 19 May 1947, in which Central Intelligence Group concluded there is need in the interests of efficiency and economy for coordination in the field of exploitation of the foreign press.

2. A recent survey made by Intelligence Division, WDGS of its present system of exploitation of foreign publications supports the above conclusion. In view of the increasing utilization of foreign publications as sources of significant intelligence information, it is felt that coordination in this field of exploitation is highly necessary. NIA Directive No. 6 establishes inter-departmental policy relative to coordinating the acquisition of foreign publications but to date no inter-departmental policy has been formulated on the exploitation of these publications. Paragraph 4, Central Intelligence Group memorandum (reference par. 1 above) indicated that Central Intelligence Group would make every effort to produce a policy paper on this problem for consideration of the Intelligence Advisory Board.

3. a. The problem of establishing the coordination of exploitation of foreign publications has many ramifications, but it appears that a coordinated program of exploitation must provide the following:

- (1) Coordination of the exploitation done by governmental representatives in foreign countries.
- (2) Coordination of the exploitation done by federal agencies in the United States.
- (3) Establishment of a central agency to act as an overall coordinator (i.e. conduct reference library, supply exploitation coverage not provided by other agencies).

b. In view of the tremendous scope of this program when applied on a world wide basis, it may be deemed advisable to initially confine this coordinated program to one geographic area. It is suggested that because of its unique problems and priority the initial area chosen be the USSR.

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4. Intelligence Division, WDGS desires to cooperate with Central Intelligence Group to its fullest extent in establishing a coordinated program and to assist as far as possible in expediting preparation of a policy paper for early consideration by the Intelligence Advisory Board.

5. Intelligence Division, WDGS will continue to furnish the Central Intelligence Group with all available directives and instructions on this subject issued to military intelligence agencies.

6. As requested in paragraph 4, Central Intelligence Group memorandum (reference paragraph 1 above) the Chief, Plans and Collection Branch, Intelligence Division, WDGS has been designated as the representative of Intelligence Division, WDGS in the study of this problem. Major James W. Barker, originally designated as this representative, has recently been transferred to another assignment in the War Department.

  
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